

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN CALIFORNIA

All applicants for admission to practice law are required to provide a social security number pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 30 (State of California's tax enforcement provisions) and Family Code Section 17520 (Child Support Enforcement Program).

Section 30 provides that:

. . . a licensing board may not process any application for an original license or for renewal of a license unless the applicant or licensee provides its federal employer identification number or social security number where requested on the application.

Section 17520(6)(d) specifically states in part that:

Notwithstanding any other law, all boards shall collect social security numbers from all applicants for the purposes of matching the names of the certified list provided by the department to applicants and licensees and of responding to requests for information made by child support agencies."